

"Music...brings us near to the infinite."

Thomas Carlyle

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## Period in Music Theory

In terms of music, a period is a phrase or section of music that consists of a beginning and ending point. Usually the parts of the period are related to one another and the beginning often sounds similar to the ending, thereby unifying the entire phrase. The end of a period, however, typically ends with a cadence, a series of notes or music intervals that indicates that the piece is over, and will not continue to repeat periods.

Often times periodicity in music can make a piece predictable since a phrase or section of the piece has a similar-sounding beginning and ending. This periodic nature of music creates expectations of how a piece will sound. The tendency for musical patterns and sounds to reappear throughout time and across different genres of music can be partially attributed to music's periodicity.

**P**hysics: The tonal quality of a violin or acoustic guitar string is mostly dependent upon which of the following:

- W) the pitch of a given string
- X) the amplitude of sound waves from each string
- Y) texture of overtones produced by each string
- Z) the single major frequency of each string

Answer: Y) The mixture of overtones produced by each string

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yom Kippur (Begins at Sundown)	2	3	4	5	6 Sukkot (Begins at Sundown)	7
8 Sir Isaac Newton's Birthday	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14 SAT Test Date
15	16	17	18	19 The Birth of the Bab (Baha'i Holiday)	20	21
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29 Daylight Savings Time Ends	30	31 Halloween				

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